FOR REGIONAL KENDRAS

The royalty rates for telecast of feature films from various Doordarshan Kendras are as under:

| Category of films | Delhi & linked transmitters | Bombay Calcutta Hydrabad Madras & Bangalore (with their linked trans-mitters) | Ahmedabad Bangalore Cuttack Jalandhar Lucknow Trivandrum | Guwahati Srinagar |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1,30,000/- | 65,000/- | 52,000/- | 32,500/- |
| B+ | 1,00,000/- | 50,000/- | 40,000/- | 25-000/- |
| B | 70,000/- | 35,000/- | 28,000/- | 17,500/- |

SATELLITE REGIONAL LANGUAGE SERVICE (SRLS)

Grade 'A' films Rs. 35,000/-
Grade 'B+' films Rs. 30,000/-
Grade 'B' films Rs. 25,000/-

(i) First repeat : 30% less
(ii) Second repeat : 50% less

Black & White : 25% less

**Talk Shows on Television**

5340. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some joint venture agreement between Multimadia Enterprises and Modi Enterprises has been signed to produce American style talk shows for Indian Television market;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such programme will affect the Indian Culture in any way;

(d) if so, the action to be taken in this regard;

(e) whether Indian viewers will be benefited with American style talk shows; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government does not have any information in this regard.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

**Serials Telecast on Doordarshan**

5341. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that in recent months there has been an increase in the number of serials telecast on the two channels of Doordarshan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of these serials glamourise anti-social and criminal activities and portray women in negative roles; and

(c) if so, what steps Government intend to take to curtail such a negative representation of women in the name of entertainment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Correspondence of MPs with Ministry**

5342. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledge out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As many as 2891 letters were received from Members of Parliament during the period 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995.

(b) 2677 letters were acknowledged and the rest were processed for final reply expeditiously.

(c) Final replies in respect of 1312 letters have been sent.

(d) Of the total number of 1312 letters replied to during the period, 565 letters were positive and 729 are negative. Two letters were transferred to Ministry of Human Resource Development for further processing and 16 letters were not required to be replied.

**Representation for Setting up of Low Power Transmitters at Basot**

5343. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st March, 1995 and state:.

(a) whether any representation has been received from residents of Basot and nearby villages regarding the setting up of VLPT at Basot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any delay in the supply of equipments and other infrastructural facilities for setting up VLPT there;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether a suitable site for the VLPT has been provided by the State Government authorities; if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the source of funds required for the purpose of setting up of VLPT at Basot in Almora district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Representations have been received from various quarters from time to time for setting up of TV transmitter at Basot in Uttar Pradesh. The requisite details are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) to (f) Whereas equipment for the VLPT at Basot in Almora district has been supplied, the site identified for the TV transmitter at Basot has not been handed over to Doordarshan by the State Government so far. Adequate funds are available to implement the scheme.